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Wilding et al.

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For: THERMOPLASTIC STIFFENING  
MATERIAL USED FOR  
MANUFACTURING SHOE  
PRODUCTION AND AN UNDERLYING  
PRODUCTION PROCEDURE

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**The Abstract** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.